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Baltimore lawmakers call on state to end coal-fired power



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BALTIMORE — Some Baltimore City lawmakers are calling on Annapolis to help cut down and end coal-fired power in an effort to protect the environment and create jobs.

With the partnership from the Sierra Club, Baltimore City Councilman Kristerfer Burnett, D-8th District, introduced a resolution calling on Annapolis to "move Maryland beyond coalfired power and create a Coal Community Transition Fund to support impacted communities and workers."

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Burnett said the Herbert Wagner and Brandon Shores coal power plants in Anne Arundel County create high levels of smog pollution that is affecting people in the city.

Burnett, along with a number of other council members, support a resolution that charts a course off fossil fuels and also provides assistance to workers who can transition into clean energy projects.

"We've been reliant on coal and other sort of very harmful pollutants for a long time," said Burnett. "It's time to move forward with a green new deal, it's time to move forward with green jobs, it's time to make our communities healthier."

In 2016, Maryland enacted a law requiring the state to reduce climate pollution to 40 percent below 2006 levels by 2030.

It's unclear whether the issue will be discussed in Annapolis this session or in future sessions.



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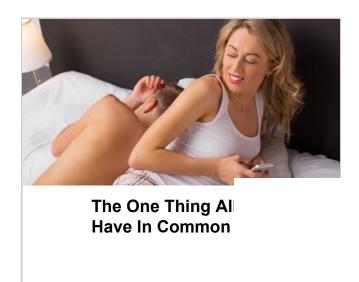
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'DON'T DRIVE THE WRONG WAY ON THE FREEWAY!': Transit officials advise motorists amid snowstorm



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A motorist on Interstate 5 near Seattle drove the wrong way amid a snowstorm.



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Video captured the vehicle driving in the passing lane as other vehicles moved in the

opposite direction.

"I've seen some bad ideas today, but this has got to be the worst," an official with the state's transportation department said on social media, advising people, "DON'T DRIVE THE WRONG WAY ON THE FREEWAY!"

The western part of the state saw snow wreak havoc on commutes and cause dozens of school closures.

The wrong-way driving came after the vehicle spun out on the interstate, the department said.

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